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REF: NEW DELHI 16246; RICHARDSON-MOYNIHAN LETTER 8-28-74

1. ALTHOUGH 1976 U.S.S.R. TOUR FOR LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC IS NO LONGER UNDER CONSIDERATION, DEPT APPROACHED ORCHESTRA SOMETIME AGO REGARDING EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR. THIS TOUR, HOWEVER, IS CONTINGENT ON ORCHESTRA OBTAINING OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUNDS FOR INVITATION TO APPEAR IN VIENNA FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 1976.

2. ORCHESTRA HAS OFFERED DEPT MAXIMUM EIGHTEEN DAYS WHICH BARELY ENOUGH TIME FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN PICKUP ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 26, 1976 (AVAILABLE TIME MAY BE SHORTER).

3. WEEKLY FEE FOR L. A. PHILHARMONIC IS DOLS 75,000 TO DOLS 85,000. IN ADDITION ORCHESTRA WOULD REQUIRE PER DIEM PLUS ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM EUROPE FOR ABOUT 110 PEOPLE PLUS ABOUT 20,000 TO 24,000 POUNDS EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION

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TO RUPEES FROM GOE (PARA 4 REFTEL) FOR COVERAGE TRANSPORTA-

TION WOULD EMBASSY BE ABLE RAISE FUNDS FROM LOCAL AMERICAN
BUSINESS FIRMS TO COVER ORCHESTRA'S FEE?

4. ORCHESTRA MANAGEMENT PREVIOUSLY RAISED INCLUSION OF
INDIA IN PROPOSED EE TOUR AND WAS TOLD INDIAN TOUR VIRTUALLY
IMPOSSIBLE VIEW PROHIBITIVE COSTS. USIA/INA ADVISES

AGENCY FUNDS IN AMOUNTS NEEDED NOT AVAILABLE. DEPT WILL BE
IN TOUCH WITH ORCHESTRA IN EARLY JANUARY RE EE TOUR AND
WILL REVIEW ALL PROPOSALS. DEPT WILL INFORM POST IF THERE
IS A POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING INDIA IN THE ORCHESTRA'S
TOUR. SISCO

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